

44. (Previously presented) The device of claim 42, wherein the bridging pad has a lower surface in contact with at least a portion of the sample receiving pad and at least a portion of the analyte detection pad.

45. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said sample band is formed integrally with the carrier.

46. (Previously presented) The device of claim 41, wherein each pad in the plurality of distinct carrier pads comprises a permeable material.

47. (Previously presented) The device of claim 46, wherein the plurality of distinct carrier pads further comprises a water-impermeable material.